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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: JA, UG

SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO EMPEROR FROM IDI AMIN

1. MOFA DIRGEN MIDDLE EASTERN AND AFRICAN AFFAIRS CHIBA INFORMED POLCOUNS LENGTHY MESSAGE HAD BEEN DELIVERED TO MOFA AUGUST 18 ADDRESSED TO EMPEROR BY IDI AMIN ON OCCASION OF ANNIVERSARY OF END OF WAR. WITHOUT READING OFF ENTIRE TEXT, HE NOTED THAT MESSAGE: REFERRED TO SENSELESS NUCLEAR BOMBING OF HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI BY AMERICAN IMPERIALISTS; QUESTIONED IN LIGHT OF BOMBING PRESIDENT CARTER'S SINCERITY IN REGARD TO HUMAN RIGHTS; ACCUSED U.S. OF FAILING TO IMPOSE EMBARGO ON UK DESPITE ITS ABUSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN NORTHERN IRELAND; CHARGED U.S. WITH DECLARING TRADE WAR ON JAPAN OUT OF ENVY OF JAPAN'S ACHIEVEMENTS; AND EXTENDED INVITATION TO KAMIKAZE PILOTS TO VISIT UGANDA, WHERE THEY WOULD RECEIVE WARM WELCOME FROM THEIR COMPATRIOTS. (CHIBA SAID THERE WAS SOME CONCERN THAT LAST REFERENCE MIGHT IMPLY PRESENCE OF RED ARMY ELEMENTS IN UGANDA, BUT ON BALANCE PASSAGE WAS THOUGHT TO REFER TO OTHER JAPANESE RESIDENTS.)

2. CHIBA SAID HE UNDERSTOOD WIRE SERVICES HAVE TEXT OF  
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AMIN MESSAGE AND THAT IT WAS ALSO BEING DISTRIBUTED IN TOKYO BY UGANDAN EMBASSY; CHIBA IS FURNISHING COPY WHICH WE WILL TRANSMIT IF DESIRED. INASMUCH AS IT IS NOT CUSTOMARY TO DIVULGE CONTENTS OF COMMUNICATIONS TO EMPEROR, FONOFF INTENDS TO RESPOND TO PRESS INQUIRIES WITH SIMPLE STATEMENT THAT EMPEROR ON OCCASION OF ANNIVERSARY OF END OF WAR, RECEIVED A MESSAGE WHICH WAS EXPRESSION OF AMIN'S

FRIENDLY FEELING. IF ASKED WHETHER THERE WOULD BE A REPLY, MOFA WOULD RESPOND THAT IT DID NOT KNOW. CHIBA AGREED THAT IF ASKED WE COULD SAY THAT WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED A MESSAGE WAS RECEIVED BY EMPEROR, BUT THAT IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT MOFA HAD DISCUSSED CONTENTS. IN RESPONSE TO ANY PRESS QUERIES DIRECTED TO EMBASSY WE PROPOSE TO HEW TO THIS GUIDANCE, I.E., INDICATE WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THERE WAS A MESSAGE BUT STATE THAT WE HAVE NO INTENTION OF COMMENTING ON REPORTED CONTENTS OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN EMPEROR AND HEAD OF STATE. OFFHAND THIS SHOULD SUFFICE INASMUCH AS AMIN'S MESSAGE SERVES WELL AS ITS OWN COMMENTARY. MANSFIELD

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